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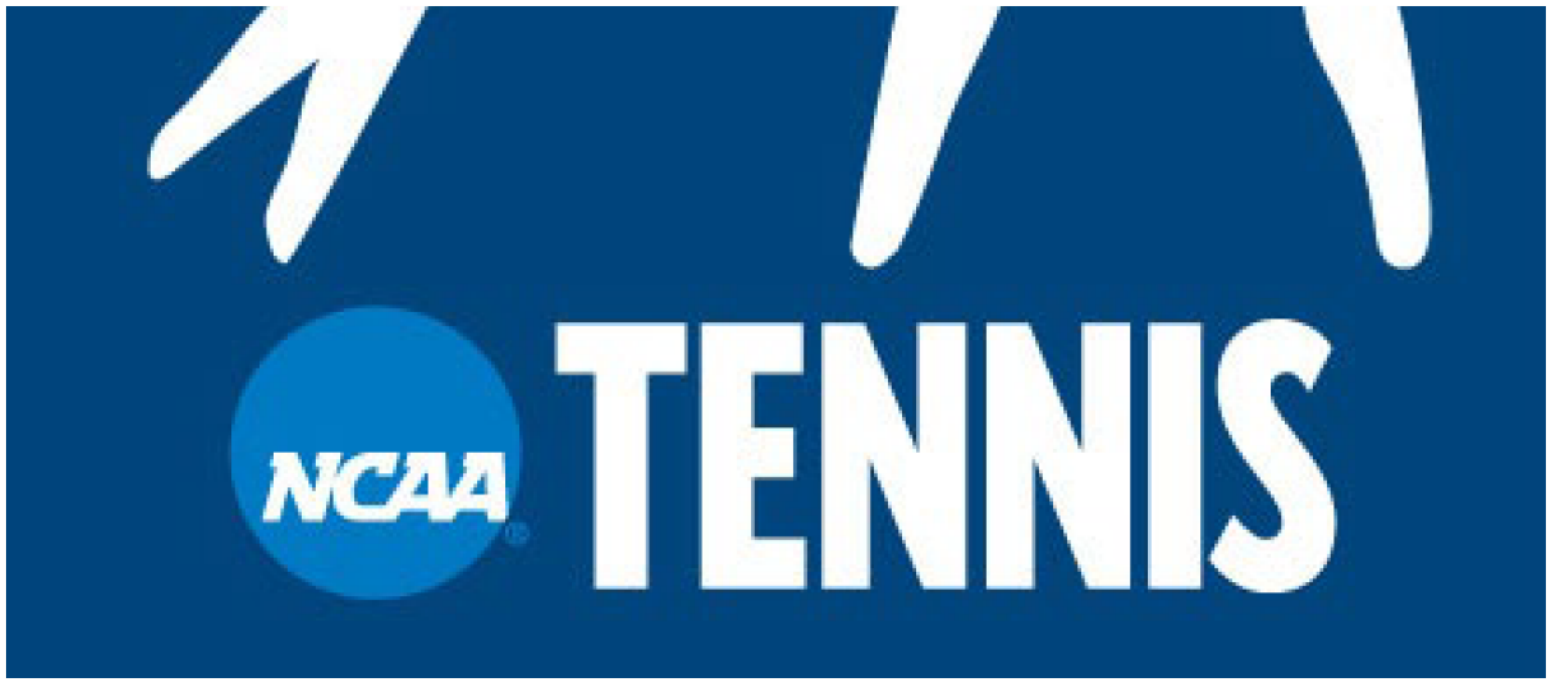
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**SAVANNAH, Ga.** - The NCAA Division II Men's & Women's Tennis Southeast Regional begins Sunday as five men's teams and four women's teams descend upon Bacon Park for three days of play, with teams competing for a berth in the NCAA DII Tennis National Championships Round of 16.

Play begins on Sunday with a first-round men's match as Conference Carolinas champion Queens (15-2) faces South Atlantic Conference champion and No. 29-ranked Anderson at Noon. Queens (NC) makes only its second-ever appearance in the NCAA Tournament - they also qualified in 1999 - while Anderson is a veteran of NCAA postseason, making its 12th straight appearance in the championships.

The winner of Sunday's match will have the tall task of facing top seed and undefeated Armstrong Atlantic (24-0), who is looking to get back to the National Championship match after earning titles in 2008 and 2009. The No. 2-ranked Pirates are making their 19th appearance in the Championships, including 17 straight appearances since 1995. That match will take place on Monday at 10:00 a.m.

The other Monday morning 10:00 a.m. match will pit Peach Belt Conference foes Flagler (11-7) and Augusta State (16-8). The Saints are ranked No. 12 in Division II and are led by No. 3-ranked singles player David Cotrone, an All-PBC performer in singles and doubles. The Jaguars are ranked No. 20 and are coming off of a surprise run to the Peach Belt Tournament final as the No. 7 seed, where they fell to Armstrong in the final. Augusta State is ranked 20th in Division II and is making its 10th postseason appearance, including its fifth straight.

The winners of Monday's matches will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday in the region final. The winner advances to the 2011 NCAA Division II Tennis Championships in Altamonte Springs, Fla., and will take on the winner of the South 2 region, hosted by Barry, in Round of 16 action on Wednesday, May 11.

Meanwhile, play begins in the women's portion of the regional on Monday with a pair of 2:00 p.m. matches. The host and top-ranked Lady Pirates (24-2) take the court on Monday facing Conference Carolinas champion and No. 47-ranked Erskine (18-4), who is making its seventh straight NCAA appearance. Armstrong is looking for its seventh NCAA title and fourth in a row. The other Monday match features Peach Belt foes Flagler (11-6) and Georgia College (16-8), who meet for the second time this season - their first matchup came on April 11, a close 5-4 win for Georgia College. Flagler is ranked No. 10 in the nation and has made the NCAAAs in all three years since moving into Division II from NAIA, while Georgia College is making its impressive 17th consecutive NCAA appearance, a streak that dates back to 1995.

The winners of Monday's women's matches will meet at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday in the region final. The winner advances to

the 2011 NCAA Division II Tennis Championships in Altamonte Springs, Fla., and will take on the winner of the Atlantic 2 region, hosted by Indiana (Pa.), on Wednesday, May 11.

Fans can follow along with all the action at the official site of the NCAA Tennis Southeast Regional, including live stats from all the matches, at <http://www.aasupirates.com/insideAthletics/news/2011ncaatennisregional>.



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